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# The DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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LOCAL | MEETING

## Joint meeting plans progress

**Coles Together, Charleston, Mattoon share updates**

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**  
City Editor

Charleston and Mattoon's city councils encouraged further planning on the project updates presented at Wednesday's joint city council meeting.

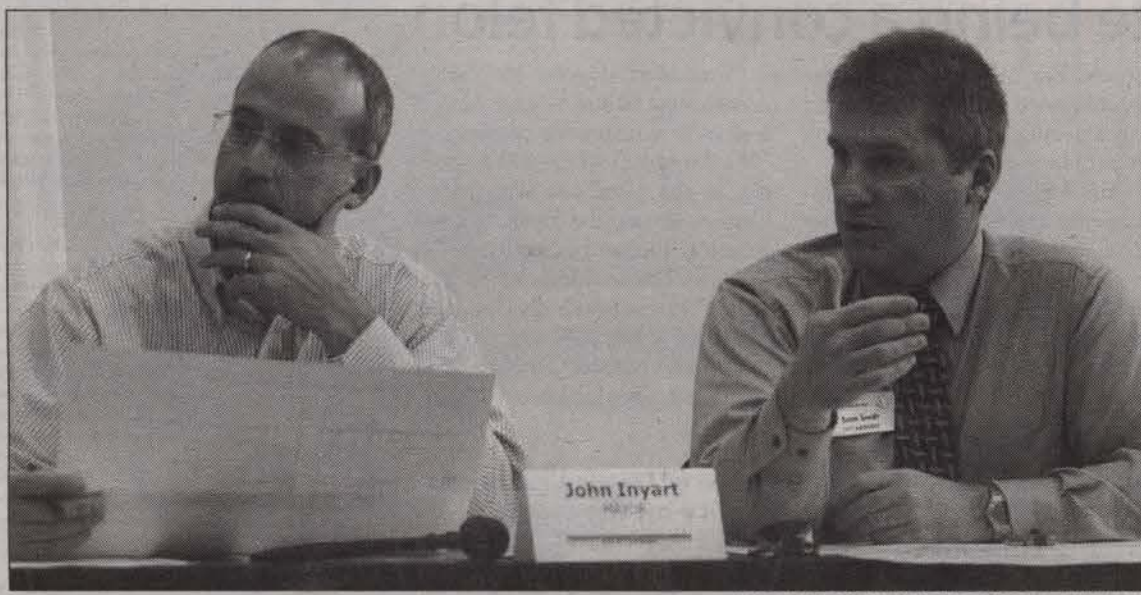
Coles Together, Charleston and Mattoon planning committees gave presentations on the progress of projects that affect both municipalities, such as the reformulation of corporate boundary lines in the two cities.

"The corporate boundary lines have been in the works for quite some time," said Scott Smith, the Charleston city manager. "I think it is important to keep planning and get this together and continue the process."

Corporate boundaries and water and sewer facility service areas from Charleston and Mattoon have intertwined around Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and the Coles County Airport.

Mattoon serves both businesses with water and sewer, but Charleston has parts of both businesses within its corporate limits.

"It seems to me that legally we want to trade you the chunk of Route 16 for a little piece of a bike



Mayor John Inyart listens to a discussion between city manager Scott Smith and city administrator Alan Gilmore for Mattoon Wednesday afternoon at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library.

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path," said Charleston Mayor John Inyart. "We want to get rid of this jagged set of teeth."

The legal reformulation will come at no cost to either city.

Mattoon Mayor David Cline said he saw no opposition on the city's side. Both sides agreed to continue the planning and further the process.

Alan Gilmore, the Mattoon city administrator, discussed plans to incorporate a one-source waste removal contract that would include residential volunteer recycling.

Gilmore proposed an investigation into the possibility of com-

bining one waste removal group to eliminate costs of fuel and better organize trash routes. The residential volunteer program would increase community participation in the recycling program, removing quantities of recyclable items from the waste stream, he said.

"I think it's important to provide guidance and education in this endeavor," Gilmore said. "It is amazing to see what can be taken out of the waste stream when you know what to recycle."

Both councils showed general approval for the idea in solving the waste issues of the two cit-

ies; however, the Charleston council believed more research needed to be conducted.

Curt Buescher, the Charleston public works director, discussed the status of the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between Mattoon and Charleston.

Last year, Charleston paid a balance of almost \$9,400 to Mattoon for use of their tub grinder and sewer camera that grinds fallen tree limbs and natural waste from storms to clear the balance for this year's fiscal calendar.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

## Panel to focus on local effects of bailout

**School of Business, Business Solutions Center will host discussion at Lumpkin**

By **BRITTNI GARCIA**  
Campus Editor

Business professor Richard Whitaker will not downplay the economic times in the United States.

"We are in a chaotic time in history for financial and economic places," Whitaker said. "So, this panel is here to provide opportunity to hear what's going on and the effect on reality."

The School of Business and Business Solutions Center will host the panel discussion, "Wall Street Bailout/Main Street Fallout," from 5 to 6:30 p.m. today in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

Other panelists include business professionals such as Jack Schultz, chief executive of the Agracel industrial development firm in Effingham, Brian Titus, general manager of Lorenz Supply in Mattoon, Dan Downs, president of First Neighbor Bank in Charleston and Chuck LeFebvre, vice president of First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust.

"We have more diverse cross sections of the panels, so we represent academic side, but we want to hear from business leaders and hear from affected owners and their market place," Whitaker said.

Whitaker said everyone hears about this current situation, but may not understand it all.

"This impacts the real economy, so we want to hear from those who the real economy impacts," Whitaker said.

Whitaker said there would be several questions that will be discussed that will allow business owners to learn and address questions they may have.

"This is a significant event in the last 75 years since the Great Depression," Whitaker said. "This is worldwide, and happening essentially in all countries."

He said this happened from the financial sector and led to an economic effect.

Whitaker said this is the reality because it is not only hurting the government; it is affecting people who are losing jobs.

Jeanne Dau, director of the Business Solutions Center, said the panelists would discuss issues relating to business issues, loans and how to invest.

Some questions will be pre-planned and other questions can be asked from the audience members.

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UNIVERSITY | ECONOMY

## No drastic changes made to university yet

**With economic downturn, Eastern endowment takes a dip**

By **EMILY ZULZ**  
Administration Editor

The University of Massachusetts has cut its budget by \$25 million because of statewide budget cuts.

The University of California, Berkeley, faces \$28 million in cuts.

Boston University has put a freeze on new hires and new construction projects.

The University of Memphis is delaying equipment purchases like laboratory equipment and library books and subscriptions.

"We haven't taken any actions like that at this time," President Bill Perry said.

He said the university budgeted conservatively.

"There would have to be a significant change in our state funding for us to start considering such action," he said.

Perry said he has concerns with regard to scholarships.

He said if there is a long-term downturn then he thinks the university will have a problem.

"So really the issue is how quickly will this turn around," he said. "I think if it turns around fairly quickly we'll have some affect but it won't be a major affect."

Eastern has already faced effects

from the economic and financial downturn.

The Eastern Illinois University Foundation, which houses the university's endowments, has dropped 13.8 percent since the beginning of the calendar year.

The endowments have suffered along with the equity markets, said Elizabeth Monticelli, senior consultant for Hammond Associates.

"Equity portion of endowments decline as equity markets globally decline," she said.

Although, the endowment has outperformed equity markets, which as a whole are down around 19.3 percent, Monticelli said.

Don Gher, chair for investment committee for the foundation and treasurer of the foundation, said the foundation was able to outperform the global market because of its diversified portfolio.

The foundation portfolio also includes fixed income and hedge funds, which were not as affected by the economy as stocks or equity funds.

"We didn't go down like the stock markets because we had other assets to protect us in the downturn," Gher said. "We were down but it could have been much worse if we had been in a stock portfolio."

"If we go into a recession, which we are in, everything slows down, and I think probably could impact the endowment," Monticelli said.

During a recession, return on investments slow and endowments receive fewer gifts from donors.

Scholarships come from endowments.

Monticelli said the foundation takes 5 percent off of a rolling three-year average for scholarships.

The foundation adds the values from 2008, 2007 and 2006 and divides by three.

If one year has a drop, the rolling calculation smooths out the fluctuations in the market for the endowment account.

She said the impact of the current economy would not be felt until 2010, 2011 or 2012.

"It will hurt, but they won't feel as much this year," Monticelli said.

The foundation's spending and money will be reduced.

Fewer dollars will be given out and spending money on scholarships will be reduced over the next three years, she said.

"It's a delayed impact, but we all know it's coming," Monticelli said.

She said having a forewarning will allow the university to address the drop accordingly and will give everyone time to prepare.

### Overall financial system

Perry said the university also has to look beyond endowments and look at the overall financial system.

"I think some concern also that universities are having is availability of student loans," he said.

Perry said the student loan market provided by direct lenders could dry up a little which would affect affordability of higher education of students.

"Another factor is if jobs are lost and family members lose their income then that's going to affect whether or not they're going to be able to start or finish a college education," Perry said.

He said some impacts could be more students starting at community college.

"That's a trend already simply because of the cost of higher education," Perry said.

He also said universities may see some students taking a break, going to community college and coming back.

Both of these could affect Eastern's enrollment.

"It's possible applications could decrease if there's a long-term downturn," Perry said.

The opposite could happen as well.

"Normally in times of recession when jobs are not as plentiful, individuals tend to enroll in colleges to retool, finish a degree or get a second degree," he said.

Although tuitions at higher education institutions are higher than they were during the last recession.

"It's also possible with the right amount of financial aid that we could have more people to apply," Perry said.

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## EIU WEATHER

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## WEATHER BRIEF

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## ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

## T.I. votes despite being a convicted felon

The Associated Press

McDONOUGH, Ga. — T.I. originally thought his voting privileges were revoked as a convicted felon, until he researched and learned that under a Georgia law felons are eligible if they're not currently serving probation or a prison sentence.

"It's a relief," said the best-selling rapper, who stood in line for no more than 10 minutes on Wednesday before entering a polling center in suburban Atlanta to vote for the first time in his life.

"This what it is all about, not staying up late and waking up early to vote," he added. "Now rather than just talking about it, I'm being about it. I'm leading by example, and it makes me feel a lot better."

T.I., who already has two No. 1 hits off his new album "Paper Trail" ("Whatever You Like" and "Live Your Life" with Rihanna), does have several federal firearms offenses and ongoing community service endeavors, stemming from his arrest last October for trying to buy automatic

weapons. But his lawyer, Steve Sadow, confirmed that he can still cast a ballot because his sentence doesn't start until late March next year.

"Until he is sentenced in the federal case, he doesn't have a conviction yet," said Sadow of his 28-year-old client, whose real name is Clifford Harris. "Even though he is a convicted felon, he has a right to vote since he is not serving probation and hasn't started his prison sentence."

## Downey, Favreau reteam on 'Iron Man 2,' 'Avengers'

LOS ANGELES — Robert Downey Jr. will strap on his metal suit to join the superhero team effort "The Avengers" in addition to "Iron Man 2," Marvel Studios announced Tuesday.

Downey is reprising his role as billionaire genius Tony Stark from last summer's blockbuster "Iron Man," with the sequel due out May 7, 2010, and "The Avengers," scheduled for July 15, 2011. The movies are part of a four-picture deal between Downey and Marvel.

"Iron Man" director Jon Favreau is returning to direct "Iron Man 2" and serve as executive producer on "The Avengers," which will team the guy in the metal suit with Marvel Comics heroes the Hulk, Captain America, Thor and others.

Don Cheadle is joining the "Iron Man 2" cast as Stark's ally Col. James "Rhodey" Rhodes.

Cheadle replaces Terrence Howard, who played Rhodes in "Iron Man."

## More of Denise Richards' reality on the way

LOS ANGELES — It's apparently still complicated for Denise Richards.

The E! network said Wednesday that it has ordered a second season of the model-actress' reality show, "Denise Richards: It's Complicated."

The first episode, which debuted in May, was originally watched by 1.5 million viewers while the season finale was seen by 976,000 people, according to Nielsen Media Research.

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## PHOTO OF THE DAY

## Strolling through the Union



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The late morning sun throws shadows across a group of students Wednesday as they cross the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union bridge.

## WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

## University of Minnesota makes flu shot record try

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The University of Minnesota thinks it has jabbed its way into the record books.

More than 60 trained personnel dispensed 11,538 flu shots during a nine-hour period Tuesday at four locations around the campus in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

They hope that puts them in the Guinness World Records book for the most flu shots given in a single day. The old record was 3,271, set in November of 2006 in Sanford, Fla.

The official number will be released on Wednesday. University students, faculty, staff and their dependents were eligible to receive the free vaccination Tuesday.

Ed Ehlinger, director and chief public health

officer at the university's Boynton Health Service, declared the event "a wonderful success."

## Mich. Dems' typo directs voters to phone-sex line

DETROIT — Michigan Democrats trying to gain interest in absentee voting have accidentally directed people to a phone-sex line.

State party spokeswoman Liz Kerr says a flier that included two absentee ballot applications had a misprint in the number for a campaign hotline.

The flier came from the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and featured photos of presidential candidate Barack Obama and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin.

The error was first reported by WJBK-TV in Detroit.

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CAMPUS | SENATE

# EWP addressed at 'What's your Beef?'

Students voice opinions on issues with graduation portfolio

By JESSICA LEGGIN  
Activities Editor

Ashley Nolan believes the Electronic Writing Portfolio program is an unnecessary requirement and proposed the idea to get rid of the program for students.

"We need to work on getting rid of this unnecessary requirement," said Nolan, a senior English major. "It is ridiculous and it lessens our degree."

Nolan spoke at Student Senate's open forum "What's your Beef?" Wednesday night. Nolan said her and a couple of friends researched schools the same size of Eastern and talked with other students about writing programs in general to form the basis of her opinion.

The forum was intended to allow students to address concerns and issues they have with the senate.

Student Senate member Jeffrey White said this forum was a perfect opportunity for students like Nolan to come out and talk about their issues.

"This is a great opportunity," he said. "We want to talk to students and also tell them 'this is what's going on and what do you think about this.'"

During the forum, students were allowed to approach the podium and address their issues. Nolan was the only student who addressed the senate at the podium during the forum.

Nolan said she is still trying to figure out what purpose the EWP serves to students.



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Off-campus senator Drew Griffin, left, speaks to freshman music education major Jerry Crockwell, right, during the Student Government forum on Wednesday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"I don't think it's doing anything but spending unnecessary funds of the students," she said.

Nolan added she has tried to contact the people who are in charge of this program but none of them would return her phone calls.

She said she looked into the internal budget book to see how much students are paying for this program, and it was never made clear what the exact amount was.

"It's all split up into other funds," she said. "So, we don't know how much we are paying for this."

Nolan said a few years ago the university implemented a writ-

ing proficiency test for students to take in order to graduate. She said this test would simply give students multiple sentences to correct grammatical and punctuation errors in them.

"Well some students were not passing and couldn't graduate and there was like a drop in the graduation rate," she said.

Nolan said the university is trying to compensate that problem with having the EWP program. Nolan added she does not understand how this program is helping students become better writers overall and said there might be under-

lying issues when it comes to EWP.

"Maybe too many teachers are giving out too many A's when it comes to papers," she said. "How do we know they are not getting awarded to do that?"

Nolan said there could be other programs to help students become better writers and have a general understanding on grammar.

"EWP is like a cop-out," she said. "It is bypassing an essential problem and there are underlined issues we need to address."

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Jazz combos in concert today

Eastern's three jazz combos will perform at 7:30 p.m. today in the Doudna Fine Arts Center, Room 1360. The concert will feature classic jazz compositions by Sonny Rollins, Wayne Shorter and Hank Mobley along with new compositions and arrangements by Eastern students. There is no charge for admission.

### Dance to benefit

#### Charleston Food Pantry

Phi Epsilon Mu is hosting a Halloween dance from 7 to 10 p.m. today at Pemberton Hall to benefit the Charleston Food Pantry. Cost for admission is \$2 or two canned goods. There will be a costume contest and a door prize as well.

### Percussion Ensemble concert Friday

The Percussion Ensemble will make their Dvorak Concert Hall debut at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. With selections from Antonin Dvorak and Billy Joel, there will be something for all music lovers. Admission is free.

### Historical, stylistic tour of local cemetery Saturday

The Coles County Historical Society and the historical administration class of 2008-09 are offering tours of the Mound/Roselawn Cemetery Saturday. Historical tours will be offered at 10:30 a.m., noon and 1:30 p.m. Stylistic tours will be offered at 11:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

The event is free and appropriate for all ages. Some moderate walking is involved. Visitors are allowed to roam the cemetery grounds between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Brochures will also be available for self-guided tours. To get to the cemetery, follow Old State Road (Route 316) going west towards the Coles County Fairgrounds. Look for signs to the cemetery walk on the right side and park on gravel roads by the chapel.

### Tickets available for Halloween plays

Tickets are on sale for two Charleston Community Theatre productions. The company will present "The Actor's Nightmare" and "The Real Inspector Hound" starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Tarble Arts Center. "The Actor's Nightmare" is about an unsuspecting citizen who is forced into a production of different plays. "The Real Inspector Hound" is a murder-mystery spoof. Call 581-2787 to reserve tickets.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor Matt Hopf

## CORRECTION

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Tim Robinson, an actor in *Second City*, was misidentified in a photo caption.

Joe Carter was misidentified on Page 12 of *The Daily Eastern News* as the lone MLB player to win a World Series game on a walk-off home run. Bill Mazerowski also did it during the 1960 World Series.

The DEN regrets the error.

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CAMPUS | SENATE

# Officials explain duties of public office

Faculty Senate wants to inform students on the election candidates

By HEATHER HOLM  
Student Government Editor

Officials from across Coles County are going to speak from 6-7 p.m. today in the Charleston/Martoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

It is for all members of the community including students, faculty and staff.

"Yes, it is for everyone," said Michelle Martin, student liaison for Faculty Senate. "I put it together and Student Government is sponsoring it."

Martin said it is important for students to see who else is running in the election.

"We all know who is running on November 4, but we want to bring people of the community to say what they do," Martin said. "It will not be their platforms or anything - it will be them educating the students about their position and discussing the specific statutory and practical functions of their offices."

Students will learn about the responsibilities of these offices and get to know more about the democratic process.

### SPEAKERS AT TODAY'S FORUM:

- State Senator Dale Righter
- State Representative Chapin Rose
- Darrell Cox - Coles County Sheriff
- Jan Eads - Chair, Coles County Board
- Steve Ferguson - Coles County State's Attorney
- Michael C. Nichols - Coles County Coroner
- Sue Rennels - Coles County Clerk and Recorder
- Roscoe Coughill - former Charleston Mayor

The speakers were more than willing to come

"Obviously, it wasn't hard to get county members and the state representatives," Martin said. "They thought it was great idea and they would be filling in students as educated voters."

Martin hopes students will come because they want to, not because they are doing it as extra credit for a class.

The whole goal in doing this is to better inform students on who they are voting for.

"I think it is the students' civic responsibility to know who they are voting for, they should make informed decision when they vote," she said.

Martin said she does not know whether students are aware that different names, other than who is running for president, will be on

the Nov. 4 ballot.

She said why not should students make an educated choice about who will be running in the community as well.

"This is just as important now as it is in spring when municipal elections are held and in 2010 when we elect all Illinois constitutional officers," Martin said.

Martin said, however, who is running is not important.

"This is not important, though," she said.

Coles County Sheriff Darrell Cox said he likes the idea to inform students and the community about the sheriff's office.

"Every opportunity I get to speak about the sheriff's office, I take advantage of," Cox said. "I've been requested to talk about the sheriff's office and what we do here. There will also be a question and

answer session afterwards."

Cox said the election does not have that much bearing since he will not be running until 2010.

"It is basically just an opportunity for me to talk about the Coles County Sheriff's Office," he said.

However, he thinks it is important for students to become informed about who will be running, other than the federal candidates.

"I would say your local officials have more impact on the local scene than federal candidates," he said.

Student Government will be sponsoring the event and they helped Martin get the room for the event along with equipment.

Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, said he would talk to the people who will be running for office beforehand and tell them it is a non-partisan event so they cannot discuss their platforms.

"They will only have five minutes to speak," Wilber said.

State Representative Chapin Rose, Coles County State's Attorney Steve Ferguson, Coles County Coroner Michael Nichols and Jan Eads, Coles County Board chair are the only speakers up for re-election.

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## Letters to the Editor

## DON'T PLAY TROPIC THUNDER

Shock and disgust went through my bones as I read in Friday's *The Verge* about the showing of *Tropic Thunder* being sponsored by a group on this campus! This movie repeatedly uses the term retard, which is not acceptable to me or the people with disabilities in this community.

The choice of this movie demonstrates a disregard on this campus for persons with disabilities that permeates across the campus. If a group on campus was showing a movie that disregarded the feelings of other protected minorities or women there would be an uproar!

The showing of this movie is irresponsible and unacceptable! Wake up; people with disabilities should be treated with respect! This campus needs a course in diversity about persons with disabilities. Eastern has a duty and responsibility to serve individuals with disabilities, not show movies that demean this group!

Thomas Sinclair  
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## CARTOONISTS NEEDED

The *Daily Eastern News* has a Wednesday spot open for anyone in the Eastern community to submit a weekly or bi-weekly cartoon.

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## Drawn from the News | Chris Lee



## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Silence cell phone in class

Cell phones have become quite distracting in a multitude of different environments. Eastern is attempting to develop a cell phone policy in regards to the classroom environment, and President Bill Perry looked to the Faculty Senate for advice on the matter.

"That advice is crucial to our consideration of such a policy," Perry said. "A classroom cell phone policy must allow an emergency text message to get to the classroom. The provost (Blair Lord) is working with the Faculty Senate on this matter."

The faculty would obviously have to enforce the policy; therefore, the ball is in the appropriate court as to determining plausible options.

The text message alert system was implemented in the spring semester after numerous other universities had already done so. This system, coupled with the new emergency handbook that was distributed earlier in the academic year, plays a vital role in our suggestion to the senate.

We feel complete removal of cell phones would be inappropriate and that students should be forced to turn their phones on silent while the class instructors have their phones on vibrate.

Cell phones are good tools for time, computerized document storage and music utilization. Some professors allow students to listen to music during lab times, and some classes require large documents to be transferred from lab computers to home computers. This therefore ensures that neither the professor nor the students are breaking the policy.

## OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** The Faculty Senate is developing a suggested cell phone policy for classrooms, and President Bill Perry makes the final call.
- **Stance:** As for guidelines only, we feel that instructors should keep their phones on vibrate while students put their phones on silence.

The emergency handbook said all cell phones should be silenced in the case that an active shooter is within a building. This way, students who are in class would already have silenced phones that would not attract attention from a shooter, but could still be used to make calls or send text messages.

The class instructors should be the leader of any situation, and therefore, their receiving the emergency text message would allow them to control initial panic and evacuate students. Proper training of the material within to emergency handbook would couple the cell phone policy very well.

As for non-emergency situations, the use of cell phones in class should not be permitted unless authorized by the instructor because we're paying thousands of dollars to learn, not to send a text message to friends or cheat on assignments.

Our view relies a lot upon individual instructors, and the way to do this would be having each instructor who is in favor of limited use to put in the syllabus when and for what reasons cell phones can be seen in their classes.

## Economic awareness offered

Discussion about the federal government's Wall Street bailout programs hits campus again, and students should take advantage.

At the beginning of October, the economics and political science departments sponsored a panel discussion on the \$700 billion economic bailout plan. The panel focused on the positives and negatives of the plan.

Today, a similar panel will take place; however, this time, local business and finance professionals will discuss the local effect of the bailout programs from a business standpoint.

The panel, "Wall Street Bailout/Main Street Fallout," will be presented by the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences' School of Business and the Business Solution Center, and begins at 5 p.m. in the Lumpkin Hall auditorium.

It is important that Eastern's campus and the Charleston community take an active interest in this panel. Growing awareness can possibly build support for future economic advancements in Charleston and the surrounding communities.

The panelists will give insight on topics like small business loans, investing money, business transactions and how the bailout will affect local businesses. There are preset questions, but audience members will have an opportunity to ask their own.

The panel may also give some insight into Charleston's business market. Currently, the market is not in its best shape.

## OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** A panel comprised of local business officials will be discussing the \$700 billion bailout bill's affect on the local economy.
- **Stance:** Forming this panel was a great idea and students need to reserve seats to learn more about the local effects of the bailout.

Golden Gyros, a restaurant off Lincoln Avenue, closed after being open for less than one year. A new hotel was supposed to be built in Charleston as well, but the deal fell through.

Sleep Inn and Suites backed out of its agreement and Mayor John Inyart said in an edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, that the chain determined it to be a high-risk project.

The panelists will be finance faculty member Richard Whitaker; Dan Downs, president of First Neighbor Bank in Charleston; Chuck LeFebvre, executive vice president for trust and wealth management for First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust; Brian Titus, partner and general manager of Lorenz Supply Co. in Mattoon and Jack Schultz, chief executive officer of the Agracel industrial development firm in Effingham.

With the wide range of panelists, questions are sure to be answered and a variety of topics are sure to be addressed in connection to the bailout programs. Those interested in attending are asked to call the Business Solutions Center at 581-2913 to reserve a seat. So pick up the phone and reserve yours.



DYLAN POLK

The value of  
a false idea

In the past two weeks, I've faced some of the most critical, mean-spirited comments I've ever faced in my career.

It was weird, really, to see over 20 people calling me names like "idiot," "jerk," even "fatty" and "redneck" just because I expressed distaste for a certain band.

After having a good laugh at the expense of their anger, I began wondering why people think less of someone because of his or her opinion.

Where I'm from, the political atmosphere dominates nearly every aspect of life.

In Springfield, it's considered treason to say even one good thing about Gov. Rod Blagojevich, seeing as how he's screwed the city over multiple times in favor of the corrupt machine supporting him from up north.

We still pay to have the driveway at the governor's mansion de-iced. He doesn't even live there.

Anyway, the mostly-conservative atmosphere in the greater Springfield area provides little room for any crazy liberal notions had by geek journalists like yours truly.

In Springfield's *State Journal-Register*, letters to the editor are more like a continuing argument between two sides of the political spectrum.

Whether the topic is politics, religion or a pantograph in one of the parks (seriously), the letters sometimes reach the grim point at which personal attacks are being made with the newspaper as its medium.

As we all know, the First Amendment guarantees the right to free speech. This encourages what is known as "the open marketplace of ideas." By examining other opinions, we are able to revise or reaffirm our own notions.

This right doesn't say everyone has to agree, or that some opinions matter more than others. So why do we hold lesser value of the dissenting opinion?

The human ego encourages people to hold their opinions higher than others', and understandably so: One's opinions have more bearing on the self than the group.

By this logic, people are reluctant to hear other opinions because they fear their own opinions would be compromised.

To avoid this, people may act like little kids, plugging their ears and screaming, "I'm not listening!"

Those who are more open, however, will hear the opinion unafraid of how it might conflict with theirs. Whether or not they completely change their stance depends on how they interpret the message, but the point remains valid.

To those of you with your ears plugged: Good thing your eyes aren't covered too. It's time to take others' opinions more seriously instead of instantly thinking less of the person without even knowing him or her. Listen to other people; you never know what sorts of new knowledge that may be gained from the experience.

Or maybe I should just stop ripping on the Disney Channel.

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## CAMPUS | MEETING

# Service hours proposal fails, absence change pulled

**Proposal for Committee on Constitution Oversight will be tabled until next week**

By **HEATHER HOLM**

Student Government Editor

The proposal to extend office hours from two to four hours failed at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night.

The proposal failed 17-9.

One more vote was needed to pass the proposal.

Since the proposal failed, the senate will look at having time cards for Student Senate members to use in the Student Activities Center.

The proposal to have absences changed from three to four was pulled because of the failure of the office hours proposal.

The proposal to have a Committee on Constitutional Oversight will be tabled until next week's meeting.

If it passes, the proposal would give the opportunity for anyone interested in joining the committee to review the constitution.

"The reason I wanted to draft



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior English major Ashley Nolan speaks during the audience participation portion of Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting about the Electronic Writing Portfolio in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Nolan and a group of other students gathered research on the EWP program at Eastern and other schools that have similar programs and wrote up a paper, which she submitted to the senate, voicing their concerns regarding the program.

legislation was to get as many viewpoints as possible," said Drew Griffin, chair of the external relations committee and creator of the proposal.

Griffin has been working on the proposal for about a month.

"Really what I am hoping is for the (Student) Senate to open the

committee," Griffin said. "Once the committee has convened, we would like to get as many executives, senators and students as possible on the committee."

Student Body President Levi Bulgar said he thinks the proposal took care of every last issue the Senate had with revising the constitution.

"It is very thorough and lengthy, and it is important that everyone looks at it," Bulgar said.

Chris Kromphardt, chair of the academic affairs committee, said next week student senate member Michelle Murphy would talk to Faculty Senate about the research that is being conducted about extending library hours.

He added he has a list of tentative groups to talk to about library hours.

"We have a list of tentative groups, but are planning on visiting several groups through the month of November," Kromphardt said.

Griffin said the external relations committee, along with the city of Charleston, is looking at extending bar hours for Charleston.

In other business, the proposal to have a survey on behalf of the student relations committee and University Development and Recycling Committee on campus safety passed.

There will be a campus safety walk that will be sponsored by student government on Nov. 10, 11 and 13.

Eric Hiltner, chair of the student relations committee, said lights, cameras and safety poles could be examined during the safety walk.

"It has been a while since we had a walk like this," Bulgar said. "There are a lot more open spaces by Doudna and the Union and a lot of lights are not working. It is just the little things we can do."

The residence hall proposal also passed with a vote of 24-1 to have all student senate members have the chance to go to residence hall meetings and have this count as part of their two office hours.

The proposal to have the grievance program moved to the Speaker of the Senate also passed with a vote of 21-3-1. All e-mails will be now sent to the Speaker of the Senate and he will forward them to the necessary committee members.

The proposal to have student government name badges for all student senate members was also pulled from the agenda.

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## » Economy

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### Hypothetical situation

Perry said some states, such as Florida, have faced significant cuts in higher education funding.

"For this fiscal year, we have our state appropriation," Perry said. "We don't have any indication that any of it will be called back."

He said as the spring approaches, the university will find out more of what the fiscal year 2010 budget and state funding will be.

"We'll look at our overall budget and see what kind of things we would consider in terms of developing a balanced budget for fiscal year

2010," Perry said.

He said when having to cut costs, universities will at first cut costs on the small-dollar items, like buying supplies.

"If there was a significant decrease in state funding for next year versus this year, we would have to look at that very carefully," he said.

Perry said when thinking about the budget, there are three important priorities.

The first, he said, is Eastern's people.

The university wants to support faculty, staff and students, keep the campus looking good, and keep maintenance and utilities working properly.

The second university priority is

the programs.

The third is the Physical Plant.

"So in case there are cuts to our state funding, we would start at our physical plant and look to see, this is regrettable but often times what you have to do is there other maintenance we can defer," Perry said.

He said the university will always keep the facilities safe and operating but fix-ups and paint-ups can be put off to save costs.

"What I'd hope is when facing budget cuts we could handle it all there and we wouldn't have to start impacting our programs," he said.

Perry said the discussion at this point is hypothetical.

"I don't want to be in that kind of situation, but if it's forced upon us we

will consult broadly within the university, consult with faculty and staff before making any decisions on dealing with any budget cuts that might come our way," Perry said.

### Professional opinion

Gher has been in the business for 37 years. He co-founded Coldstream Capital Management and was managing director and chief investment officer before retiring in June 2007.

His investment and economic views have been cited in The Wall Street Journal, CNN Money, Forbes.com and many more.

"No one has seen the type of environment we're going through," he said.

He said the economy has to be

separated from the economy.

The economy over all is not as bad as it was many times in the past, Gher said. He said the economy is not as bad as in 1982 or '83, '73 or '74 or the Great Depression.

He said there was a financial crisis that could have gotten out of hand.

"The government has taken many steps so that we do not fall into the abyss," Gher said.

From the financial market side, he said no one has ever seen this type of environment.

"It's totally different than any type of financial decline we have seen in the past," he said.

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Advice will be sought from the professionals about small and large business owners and when they think the market will be stabilized.

Other questions for bankers include what kind of criteria will be looked for when dispersing a loan.

"Our goal is to get permanent and timely information to the people who need it, which are our businesses in Charleston, and it is a good learning experience for people here

at Eastern," Dau said.

Dau stated they wanted this panel discussion to happen immediately.

"We wanted to be timely, so we put this together within two weeks," Dau said.

She and Cheryl Noll, the interim chair of the School of Business, decided to get a group of professionals from Eastern and from the local area to discuss these issues that currently affect everyone.

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A storm on June 6 made major use of Mattoon's tub grinder and now the balance is Mattoon's bill of \$6,500 to Charleston's bill of \$29,480.

"Part of the balance will be taken care of by a FEMA reimbursement, which should allow us to catch up quicker to Mattoon in the agreement," Inyart said.

Coles Together Vice President Anthony Pleasant showed the mapped progression of moving

enterprise zones to more accessible places in Coles County to the councils.

He said old design had major areas taken over by residential and retail areas that could not take advantage of the zone. Benefits to industry, manufacturing and warehousing groups would include a 10-year period of property tax evasion.

Pleasant said he would move forward with plans to alter the enterprise zones of Coles County if the councils had no questions. They did not.

As for the Coles Together project of FutureGen, president and CEO

Angela Griffin said there is "really no update."

Griffin said Coles Together indicated that both candidates support the integration of clean coal energy technology. A timeline was not given for furthering the FutureGen project.

"Although I cannot give a timeline, I think it will be a top priority in either of the presidential candidate's term, so I think we can see something in less than a year after they take office," Griffin said.

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## CAMPUS | EVENT

# Talent showcased at Open Mic event



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Lucas Jacobson of Warren Charles plays the guitar at University's Open Mic event Wednesday night.

By **MELISSA STURTEVANT**  
Staff Reporter

Open Mic Night was held at 7th Street Underground Wednesday night allowing students to perform and show off their talents.

Mike Lattimore, a sophomore political science major, performed and was one of the winners. He performed a hip-hop song saying that anything and everything hip-hop was something he would do.

Lattimore said the Open Mic Nights are a good thing to have on campus.

"It is a great opportunity to inspire artists to come out and get their voices heard," he said.

The band Warren Charles traveled from Los Angeles to perform as well.

Warren, who goes by his middle name Peter, and Charles, who goes by his middle name Lucas, entertained students by showing off their ability to per-

form a variety of music styles. The brothers write most of the songs they perform themselves, which are inspired by personal experiences.

"It's funny because when I wrote our song, 'The Elephant in the Room,' it was inspired by a conversation I had with my grandfather after the death of a family member," Peter said. "But it ended up being a funny song."

The brothers have been playing together for 15 years. According to Lucas, one of their first performances was at their mother's wedding. Lucas explained traveling and being in a band with his brother is a lot of fun.

"It's great to see all the spontaneous things that happen on the road," Lucas said. "It's also awesome to get a vibe off of the audience."

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## STATE | ROUNDUP

## Students plan to revive Chief Illiniwek mascot at rally

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — A University of Illinois student group plans to hold a Chief Illiniwek rally at the Assembly Hall on campus next month.

Students for Chief Illiniwek has rented the arena and says the event is planned for November 15th. It is scheduled to include a performance by Logan Ponce, a student chosen to be a sort of chief-in-waiting in case the university ever reinstates the mascot.

Illinois stopped using the chief mascot last year after years of pressure by American Indians and others who saw the mascot as a demean-

ing caricature. The NCAA also levied sanctions against the school.

University spokeswoman Robin Kaler says the school has nothing to do with the performance. But she says it can't stop the students from exercising their right to free speech.

### SIUE terror threat suspect jailed

EDWARDSVILLE — A former Southern Illinois University student charged with threatening a "murderous rampage" has been jailed for attempting to buy a machine gun.

A judge in Madison County revoked bail Tuesday for Oluosin Oduwale. Prosecutors say Oduwale is being held in a St. Louis jail until

he can be extradited to Illinois.

Oduwale was arrested in July 2007 after police found a gun in his apartment and a note in his car that threatened killings similar to the Virginia Tech shootings. Authorities allege the 23-year-old was living in Missouri earlier this month when he violated his \$100,000 bond by trying to buy a semiautomatic gun.

### Chicago to New York on delays: 'It's your fault'

CHICAGO — Chicago can blame New York, at least in part.

Federal officials say many of the delays plaguing O'Hare International Airport are due to congestion at New York airports.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary Peters told reporters at O'Hare on Wednesday that "Chicago shouldn't have to play second city to New York's aviation shortcomings."

Peters says new data shows fewer than half the flights between O'Hare and New York's three airports are on time. That compares to an almost 80 percent on-time performance for all other flights.

A \$15 billion upgrade of O'Hare is supposed to reduce delays. But Peters says New York congestion undermines that.

She says her department is trying to address the problem, including by redesigning airspace patterns around New York.

### Southern Illinois oil well explosion kills 2, injures 5

CROSSVILLE — Authorities say an oil well explosion in southern Illinois has killed two people and injured five others.

Medical helicopters airlifted four of the injured victims from the scene of the Wednesday morning explosion west of Crossville.

Anita Sullivan of the White County Sheriff's Department says the names of the victims have not been released pending notification of family members.

Sullivan says Grayville-based Mason Well Servicing was working to cement a finished well when the explosion occurred around 10 a.m.

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Presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain are the Democratic and Republican nominees for Tuesday's election. Obama and McCain are the two front runners.

## Students weigh in on candidates

Campus choices vary as election draws near

By Brittini Garcia  
Campus Editor

Freshman Laura Clark may be undecided in her major, but is 100 percent sure she knows who she is voting for in this year's presidential election.

Clark is voting for John McCain and Sarah Palin because of personal beliefs.

"I am very conservative, and I think Palin will help McCain with important decisions," Clark said.

McCain's stance on the Iraq war has a lot to do with Clark's vote. Clark said she knows Obama does not want to keep the troops in Iraq

any longer than they need to be, but agrees with McCain's idea of American troops not needing a permanent presence in Iraq.

Sophomore Amanda Adams is also supporting McCain's political campaign.

"I follow what my family follows, and we are very conservative," Adams said. "Although I am very opinionated, I stick to my family's beliefs."

She added her family's beliefs are very important to her, and she is willing to vote how they have voted in the past.

Graduate student Angie Hobkirk believes she may not vote for either McCain or Democrat Barack Obama, but instead vote for Bob Barr, Libertarian nominee for president. Barr has previously represent-

ed the 7th District of Georgia in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1995 to 2003.

"A lot of his policies and beliefs line up with what I think the country needs to be going," Hobkirk said.

Hobkirk is currently frustrated with the way the economy is going and the government's plan to correct it.

"The government is buying everything and that is not the direction we should be going," Hobkirk said.

Like Barr, Hobkirk said the government needs to control its spending and establish a separation between government and the economy.

For some students, voting in this year's presidential election is vital to what can happen in future years.

Chris Lewis, senior psychology major, will support Obama's campaign and vote Democrat.

"In many ways, I think he represents the best opportunity to change the state our economy is in," Lewis said.

Lewis has examined Obama's plan for the Iraq war and cannot agree with him any more.

"I agree with him and his plan to move out and move our main focus to Afghanistan," Lewis said.

Lewis added he is concerned with the government spending and where government money should go.

Lewis said, with Obama's plan, he is stating he will do more funding in child care and education and for Lewis, those issues are important to him.

Money and the economy are

also important to Nathan Leither, a senior political science major.

He has voted early in the race via absentee ballot.

Leither has voted for McCain.

"I voted for McCain because I felt my morals and my beliefs were in sync with his more than the other candidates on the elections ticket," Leither said.

Leither said he believes McCain has more experience with government. With his experience, he can better guide the country to where it needs to be, he added.

"I like his economic policies and because he is more experienced, he will be a better guide for our country," Leither said.

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# CANDIDATES AND THEIR STANCES

## ECONOMY

If elected, Obama intends to eliminate income taxes for 10 million Americans through the "Making Work Pay" tax credit.

The credit is up to \$500 per person or \$1,000 per working family.

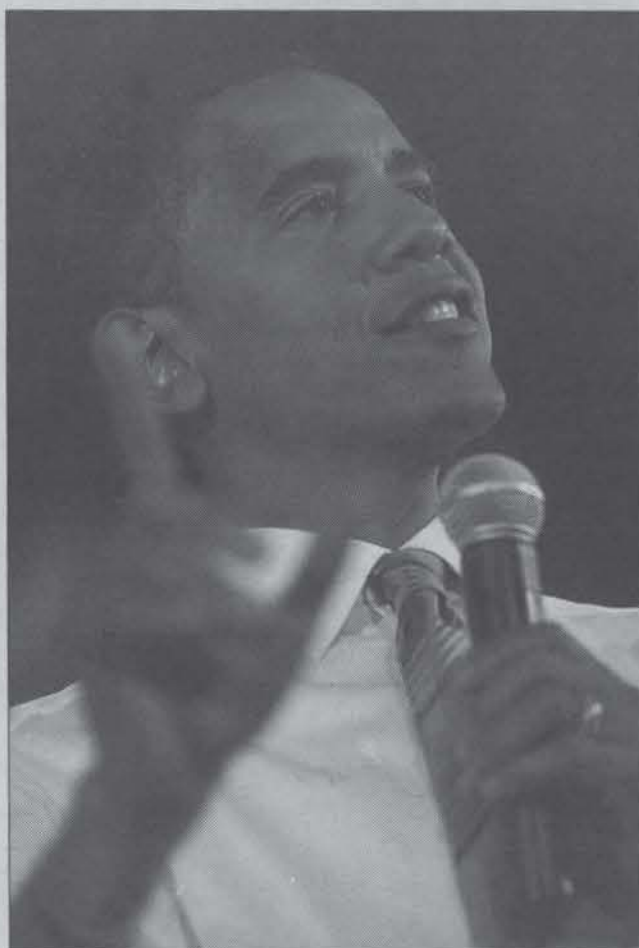
Obama also intends to eliminate income taxes for senior citizens making less than \$50,000 as well as provide an average savings of \$1,400 each year.

## HEALTH CARE

Obama wants to save Americans up to \$2,500 through reforms to the U.S. health care system.

He intends to do this by requiring hospitals to collect and report health care cost, reduce the costs of illnesses for employers and their employees and reform the insurance market to increase competition.

Obama plans to require insurance companies to cover pre-existing conditions so all Americans can get comprehensive benefits at fair premiums.



KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL / MCT

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama speaks about the economy to Michigan voters during a town hall meeting at North Farmington High School in Farmington Hills, Mich. on Sept. 8.

## IRAQ

Obama will give his secretary of defense and military commanders the mission of ending the war in Iraq.

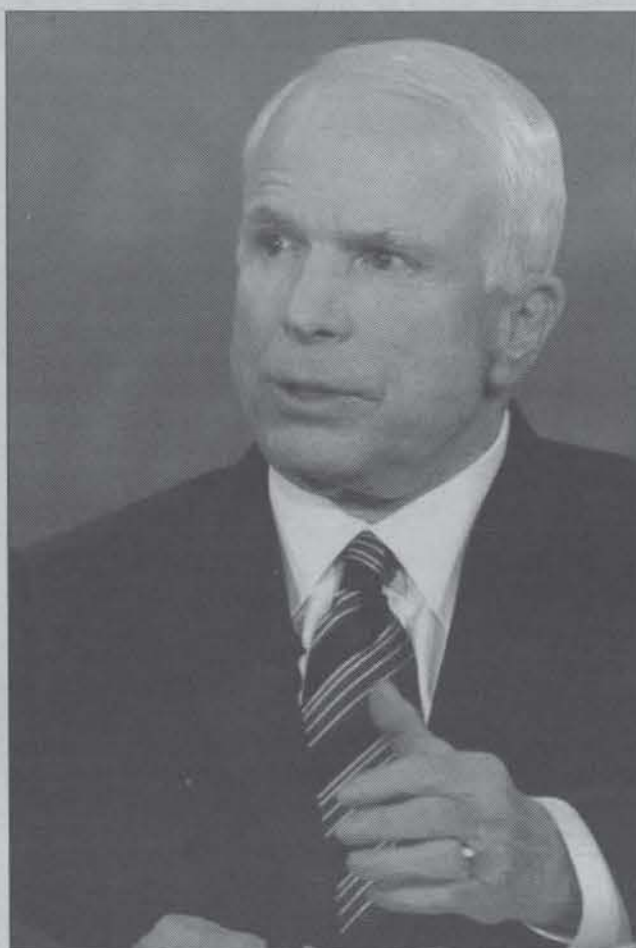
The removal of troops will be phased under the direc-

tion of military commanders on the ground and consultation with the Iraqi government.

Obama hopes to remove troops in 16 months, which

would be the summer 2010.

A remaining force will stay in Iraq to conduct counterterrorism missions and train Iraqi security forces, under Obama's plan.



THOMAS A. FERRARA / MCT

Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain speaks during the third presidential debate with Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., Oct. 15.

## IRAQ

McCain supported Gen. David Petraeus' surge offensive in Iraq and intends to keep with that offensive until the Iraqi government can support itself. He hopes to strengthen the

Iraqi economy by using a portion of its budget surplus to employ Iraqis in infrastructure projects and in restoring basic services. McCain believes Iraq's government needs support

## ECONOMY

McCain intends to not use any taxpayer money to bail out real estate companies or financial market participants who failed to fairly assess credit risks. He plans to have any policy of financial assistance be accompanied by reforms that increase transparency and accountability. McCain will propose a new HOME Plan to provide the opportunity to trade a mortgage for a manageable loan that reflect the citizen's home's market value.

## HEALTH CARE

McCain intends to create savings in Medicare without reducing benefits or eligibility. In order to do this, McCain proposes to move away from the volume-based service to a system that rewards coordinated and quality care. If an employee falls under the 10 percent bracket, which is up to \$15,000, the employee will receive \$3,800 in savings. Conversely, if an employee falls under the 35 percent bracket, which is more than \$349,700, the employee will receive \$800 in savings.

to better deliver basic services - clear water, garbage collection, abundant electricity and a basic level of security so the Iraqi economy can eventually flourish on its own.

# Local races feature variety of candidates

## State's Attorney

### Steve Ferguson (Incumbent)

Party: Democrat  
Residence: Mattoon  
Experience: Coles County State's Attorney since 1992, private practice with Heller, Holmes and Associates in Mattoon from 1983 to 1992, business law instructor at Lake Land College from 1989 to 1992 and a law clerk for Hon. Kenneth Meyers, U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois from 1982 to 1983  
Issues: Continuing aggressive prosecution, developing a multi-agency police task force for unsolved cases

### Paul Komada

Party: Republican  
Residence: Charleston  
Experience: Coles County state's attorney from 1974 to 1980, Assistant State's Attorney from 1967 to 1973, circuit judge from 1980 to 2001 and private practice of law from 2001 to 2004 in Charleston  
Issues: Improve office management and its organization, be more responsive to citizens and victims of crime and more supportive of law enforcement

### Todd Reardon

Party: Green Party  
Residence: Charleston  
Experience: Practiced as a defense

attorney in Coles County for more than 10 years  
Issues: Create better funding for public transportation to reduce drunk driving, retain jobs, reduce juvenile delinquency and reduce court and jail housing costs

## State Representative

### Chapin Rose (Incumbent, unopposed)

Party: Republican  
Residence: Mahomet  
Experience: Been the State Representative for the past six years  
Issues: Priorities are a 20-year plan for higher education, K-12 education,

agriculture and health care

## U.S. Representative

### Tim Johnson (Incumbent)

Party: Republican  
Residence: Urbana  
Experience: Urbana City Council, 1972-1976; Illinois House of Representatives, 1976-2000; U.S. Congress, 2001-present  
Issues: Dedicate time to constituent service, magnify the use of renewable fuels, wind power and clean coal

### Steve Cox

Party: Democrat  
Residence: Urbana  
Experience: Volunteer in service orga-

nizations such as a Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and Meals on Wheels, Computer Specialist in 2000, Computer Equipment Analyst in 1983, passport examiner for the State Department in 1980 and a Vietnam veteran  
Issues: Providing health care for all citizens, improving public schools, strengthening employment opportunities

## Coles County Coroner

### Mike Nichols

Party: Democrat  
Residence: Mattoon  
Experience: Coles County Coroner since 1992, former president of the

Illinois Coroner/Medical Examiners Association and a emergency medical background

### Ed Schniers

Party: Republican  
Residence: Charleston  
Experience: Funeral director at Mitchell-Jordan Funeral Home in Mattoon, former director of RSVP volunteer organization and Campus Life Youth for Christ

### Michael Snow

Party: Green  
Residence: Bushton  
Experience: No previous political experience, currently employed as a truck driver

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LOCAL I ELECTION 2008

# High turnout expected on Tuesday

By **STEPHEN DI BENEDETTO**  
News Editor

Sue Rennels is expecting a record turnout for Election Day on Nov. 4.

Rennels, the Coles County clerk, said her office has registered 40,094 voters, which is higher than the 2004 presidential election.

"Many students have come in and early voted – many of them for the first time," she said. "It is rewarding to watch their excitement as they cast their ballot for the first time."

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Rennels said voters need to bring one form of identification such as a driver's license or a voter ID card when going to the polls.

She added many voters typically come to the polls before work hours, lunch hours and after work.

"An election of the size that this one is anticipated, there would be some traffic, parking issues," Rennels said.

"I will be checking that election judges are following proper procedures as they have been trained, and that voters are being accommodated the best way humanly possible," Rennels said.

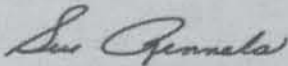
She said the county clerk's office has prepared the entire summer for the election.

She added 4,000 voters have registered since May, and the office had to get absentee and military ballots out to those who applied for them.

Rennels added in preparation for the election, polling sites had to be secured, election judges trained, ballots prepared, election supplies distributed to the proper precincts and voter equipment had to be tested.

Anyone interested in watching voter returns on Nov. 4 can visit the Coles County Courthouse or go online at [libertysystemsllc.com](http://libertysystemsllc.com).

Stephen Di Benedetto can be reached at 581-7942 or at [sdbenedetto@eiu.edu](mailto:sdbenedetto@eiu.edu).

<div><p><b>SPECIMEN BALLOT</b> <b>COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS</b> <b>GENERAL ELECTION</b> <b>NOVEMBER 4, 2008</b></p><p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SPECIMEN BALLOT IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE OFFICES, CANDIDATES AND/OR PROPOSITIONS TO BE VOTED IN THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN COLES COUNTY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008.</p><p> SUE RENNELS, COUNTY CLERK COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS</p></div>	<div><p><b>FEDERAL</b></p><p><b>FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR</b> (Vote for one)</p><p>RICHARD J. DURBIN DEMOCRATIC KATHY CUMMINGS GREEN STEVE SAUERBERG REPUBLICAN LARRY A. STAFFORD LIBERTARIAN CHAD N. KOPPIE CONSTITUTION PARTY OF ILLINOIS</p></div>	<div><p><b>COUNTY BOARD</b></p><p><b>FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD</b> <b>DISTRICT 11</b> (Vote for one)</p><p>NO CANDIDATE DEMOCRATIC NO CANDIDATE GREEN JOHN C. BELL REPUBLICAN</p></div>
	<div><p><b>CONGRESSIONAL</b></p><p><b>FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b> <b>FIFTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT</b> (Vote for one)</p><p>STEVE COX DEMOCRATIC NO CANDIDATE GREEN TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON REPUBLICAN</p></div>	<div><p><b>FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD</b> <b>DISTRICT 12</b> (Vote for one)</p><p>NO CANDIDATE DEMOCRATIC NO CANDIDATE GREEN CLINTON "CLINT" BAYS REPUBLICAN</p></div>
<div><p><b>STATE NOTICE</b></p><p>THE FAILURE TO VOTE ON THIS QUESTION IS THE EQUIVALENT OF A NEGATIVE VOTE. (THIS IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS A DIRECTION THAT YOUR VOTE IS REQUIRED TO BE CAST EITHER IN FAVOR OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSITION HEREIN CONTAINED.)</p><p><b>PROPOSED CALL FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION</b> Explanation of Proposed Call</p><p>This proposal deals with a call for a state constitutional convention. The last such convention was held in 1969 - 70, and a new Constitution was adopted in 1970. The 1970 Illinois Constitution requires that the question of calling a convention be placed before the voters every 20 years. In 1988 the electors rejected the call for a constitutional convention, with 75% voting against calling a convention and 25% voting in favor of calling a convention. If you believe the 1970 Illinois Constitution needs to be revised through the convention process, vote "YES" on the question of calling a constitutional convention. If you believe that a constitutional convention is not necessary, or that changes can be accomplished through other means, vote "NO" on the calling of a constitutional convention.</p></div>	<div><p><b>REPRESENTATIVE</b></p><p><b>FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT</b> (Vote for one)</p><p>NO CANDIDATE DEMOCRATIC NO CANDIDATE GREEN CHAPIN ROSE REPUBLICAN</p></div>	<div><p><b>JUDICIAL RETENTION</b></p><p><b>BALLOT FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES</b> <b>SEEKING RETENTION IN OFFICE</b></p><p>"Vote on the Proposition with respect to all or any of the Judges listed on this ballot. No Judge listed is running against any other Judge. The sole question is whether each Judge shall be retained in his present office."</p></div>
<div><p><b>For the calling of a Constitutional Convention.</b></p><p>YES NO</p></div>	<div><p><b>COUNTY</b></p><p><b>FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY</b> (Vote for one)</p><p>C. STEVE FERGUSON DEMOCRATIC TODD M. REARDON GREEN PAUL C. KOMADA REPUBLICAN</p></div>	<div><p><b>APPELLATE COURT JUDGE</b></p><p><b>SHALL</b> <b>SUE E. MYERSCOUGH</b> be retained in office as <b>JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT</b> <b>FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT?</b></p><p>YES NO</p></div>
	<div><p><b>FOR CIRCUIT CLERK</b> (Vote for one)</p><p>NO CANDIDATE DEMOCRATIC NO CANDIDATE GREEN VICKI KIRKPATRICK REPUBLICAN</p></div>	<div><p><b>CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE</b></p><p><b>SHALL</b> <b>TRACY W. RESCH</b> be retained in office as <b>JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT</b> <b>FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</b></p><p>YES NO</p></div>
<div><p><b>FEDERAL</b></p><p><b>FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT</b> <b>OF THE UNITED STATES</b> (Vote for one)</p><p>BARACK OBAMA DEMOCRATIC JOE BIDEN CYNTHIA McKINNEY GREEN ROSA CLEMENTE JOHN McCain REPUBLICAN SARAH PALIN BOB BARR LIBERTARIAN WAYNE A. ROOT JOHN JOSEPH POLACHEK NEW NO CANDIDATE CHARLES O. BALDWIN CONSTITUTION PARTY DARRELL L. CASTLE OF ILLINOIS RALPH NADER INDEPENDENT MATT GONZALEZ</p><p>Write-In</p></div>	<div><p><b>FOR CORONER</b> (Vote for one)</p><p>MIKE NICHOLS DEMOCRATIC MICHAEL L. SNOW GREEN J. EDWARD "ED" SCHNIERS REPUBLICAN</p></div>	<div><p><b>SHALL</b> <b>MITCHELL K. SHICK</b> be retained in office as <b>JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT</b> <b>FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</b></p><p>YES NO</p></div>
	<div><p><b>COUNTY BOARD</b></p><p><b>FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD</b> <b>DISTRICT 5</b> (Vote for one)</p><p>SHANE ROGERS DEMOCRATIC NO CANDIDATE GREEN MARK DEGLER REPUBLICAN</p></div>	<div><p><b>REFERENDUM</b></p><p><b>OAKLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REFERENDUM</b></p><p>Shall the Trustees of the Oakland Fire Protection District, also known as the Oakland Community Fire Protection District be elected rather than appointed?</p><p>YES NO</p></div>
	<div><p><b>FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD</b> <b>DISTRICT 8</b> (Vote for one)</p><p>DANIEL LAWRENCE DEMOCRATIC NO CANDIDATE GREEN NO CANDIDATE REPUBLICAN</p></div>	<div><p><b>ADOPT MANAGERIAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT</b></p><p>"Shall the City of Mattoon adopt the Managerial Form of municipal government?"</p><p>YES NO</p></div>
	<div><p><b>FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD</b> <b>DISTRICT 9</b> (Vote for one)</p><p>JIM PALMER DEMOCRATIC NO CANDIDATE GREEN JAN EADS REPUBLICAN</p></div>	
	<div><p><b>FOR MEMBER OF THE COUNTY BOARD</b> <b>DISTRICT 10</b> (Vote for one)</p><p>JOY L. RUSSELL DEMOCRATIC NO CANDIDATE GREEN STANLEY E. METZGER REPUBLICAN</p></div>	



## CAMPUS | ELECTION 2008

# Political science to host party

## Department uses upcoming election as teaching tool

By EMILY ZULZ  
Administration Editor

The Political Science Association will be hosting an election night party for students.

"The idea is that since the College Republicans and College Democrats have their own parties to attend, we wanted to present an option for those students who are neither Republican nor Democrat," said Nathan Polak, a senior political science major and the president of PSA.

Polak said as of right now, the event is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in Room 2150 in Coleman Hall.

He said fliers will be posted in

Coleman Hall as soon as possible if any changes are made.

The group plans on discussing the results as they come in via Internet since they lack a cable connection and television.

The upcoming election has provided and will provide many teaching lessons for the political science department.

"It's one of the most exciting events that we have the opportunity to experience as political scientists, and certainly the outcome of it will have tremendous impact on what we teach," said Richard Wandling, chair of the political science department.

Textbooks will be revised and updated, especially American government textbooks.

The election also provides interesting case studies for political science teachers, Wandling said.

He said this election will provide interesting examples in the study of

campaign strategies, campaign fundraising and the presidential transition.

"We know we'll have a new president and whoever that new president is there will be changes in people in important policy advising positions in Washington," Wandling said.

He said whoever becomes president there will be changes in a number of policy areas from taxation and spending through to global warming.

"There are a number of policy implications and those will all be opportunities for us to examine in a classroom context," Wandling said.

The political science department has several events planned post-election.

Wandling said the big event the political science department has relating to the upcoming election is the Illinois Political Science Association conference, which Eastern is

hosting this year on Nov. 8.

Various panels will be held that deal expressly with the election.

A roundtable discussion will be held with political scientists from around the state interpreting the 2008 primary and general election results.

The Keynote speaker for the convention is Brian Gaines from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

His presentation is titled, "Predicting Presidential Elections" and will discuss his research related to public opinion polling and forecasting.

The PSA is also planning to host an event following the election that will most likely focus on the results of the election, Polak said.

This will most likely be a student or faculty panel discussion.

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## CAMPUS | QUIZ

## Students tested on election

So you think you know the election and the candidates? *The Daily Eastern News* randomly asked students five questions to see if they knew about the candidates and the presidential election. Let's see how well some students did.

### Questions and Answers

Q. What candidate or candidates support the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout package? A: Both Barack Obama and John McCain

Q. Who is Bob Barr? A: Presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party

Q. What two states close the polls last? A: Alaska and Hawaii

Q. Which vice president candidate authored and passed the Violence Against Women Act? A: Joe Biden

Q. What former Bush Cabinet member recently endorsed Barack Obama? A: Colin Powell, George W. Bush's secretary of state until 2005.

### Results

Emily Anderson, a sophomore undecided major

- McCain
- Had no idea
- Indiana and Illinois
- Sarah Palin
- Sarah Palin

Emily Beudet, a sophomore family and consumer science major

- Obama
- Someone on the ballot
- Florida and California
- Sarah Palin
- Colin Powell

Emily Wagner, a marketing major

- Both
- Elections Correspondent
- Florida and New York
- Sarah Palin
- Had no idea

Jimmy Dodge, a freshman elementary education major

- Both
- McCain's campaign adviser
- Ohio and Florida
- Joe Biden
- Colin Powell

Robert Forsuk, a rhetoric and public advocacy major

- Both
- Manager of one of the campaigns
- Wisconsin and Florida
- Joe Biden
- Colin Powell

Scott Viverito, a psychology major

- Both
- Vice president candidate
- Alaska and Hawaii
- Joe Biden
- Colin Powell

Amber Cartwright, a senior elementary education major

- Obama
- Campaign manager
- Florida and Oregon
- Palin
- Had no idea

Luke Hayes, a freshman finance major

- Both
- Had no idea
- Illinois and Hawaii
- Palin
- Had no idea

## CAMPUS | ELECTION 2008

# Professors take stances on higher education

By EMILY ZULZ  
Administration Editor

The large difference between the higher education platforms of Barack Obama and John McCain is that McCain does not recommend any new forms of financial aid while the Obama campaign does, said Andrew McNitt, professor of political science.

John McCain's higher education policy includes simplifying tax benefits and the financial aid process. It also includes eliminating earmarks to better support federally funded research. He also wants to expand the federal student loan system.

Obama's higher education policy will create the American Opportunity Tax Credit to make college more affordable.

The credit ensures the first \$4,000 of a college education is completely free for most Americans. Recipients of the credit are required to conduct 100 hours of community service.

His plan also includes simplifying the application process for financial aid by eliminating the current need for a separate application.

### Choosing quality

James Bruehler, associate professor of economics, said his impression of an Obama administration with regard to higher education will be to expand the role of the federal government in terms of federal dollars directed toward education and in terms of additional layers of bureaucracy to mandate school compliance and monitor their performance.

He said the McCain's approach appears to be to reduce the role of mandates and monitoring by the federal government and to substitute consumer choice on the part of parents.

"If you think that underperforming schools should receive additional

al funding so that they can improve their performance, vote Obama on education," Bruehler said. "If you think funding should be reduced at underperforming schools and that funding should be increased at schools that excel, vote McCain on education."

Bruehler said Obama's plan would probably put more money into his pocket.

He said though, the quality of his working life depends on the quality of the education students had before going to college.

"That quality is higher under a McCain plan," he said. "Maybe it comes down to what you care about. Personally, I care about the quality ... then the money in my pocket."

### A plan too vague

Jon Coit, assistant professor in history department, said the number one issue that's confronting higher education right now is what appears to be a relatively permanent reduction in funding by the state government across the nation.

"It's pretty clear that Obama's made dealing with that problem a bigger priority," Coit said. "McCain didn't have any specific higher ed proposals until August of this year and they're pretty general."

He said McCain has a vague plan toward fixing student-lending program, but doesn't really say what that's about.

Coit said McCain has been campaigning to remove earmarks arguing it will benefit research.

"The problem is that at least from what I've seen in his public statements neither he or Palin have a sense at all about what important research actually is that goes on in the university that's now being funded by earmarks," Coit said.

He said he hasn't seen anything in this campaign that would give him confidence that a McCain administration wouldn't end up cutting useful important research.

Coit said Obama's financial proposals were good, but he was half and half on one of his other proposals that would provide matching funds to states that will create

an early assessment program.

The program would enable juniors in high school to check their college preparedness and enable them to take college level courses at community colleges if it's not offered at the high school.

He said he would certainly reap the benefits of that as a college professor, and if there's a way to improve the quality of education students receive in high school then that proposal would be a way to do it.

"The other part of me thinks there's this similar kind of no child left behind logic where 100 percent of the people are supposed to be in the 25 percentile," Coit said.

Coit said it was easier to visualize how Obama's policies would help students than McCain's.

"What it seems to me, I think (McCain's) offering similar results with a little bit different process and a lot less detail than Obama is offering," he said.

### Increasing debt

Craig Eckert, professor of sociology, said in his perception, that neither candidate has made higher education a key component of their platform or their campaign.

He said he thinks it should be more important.

"To me, this transcends being a Democrat or Republican," Eckert said. "It's an issue that has to be addressed."

He said as the cost of education ever increases and as a college degree becomes more important, there needs to be more creative and innovative ways of making money available for kids to pursue higher education.

"When the average student debt for an undergraduate degree is approaching \$20,000 this seems like ... an issue that's important and one that needs to be addressed, especially given the amount of debt coming out of an undergraduate degree," Eckert said.

He said both politicians need to come up with strategies on how to make money more available for students so they can pursue education. "I do know when I've listened

to both candidate's and when I've watched them to some extent in the debates and just stuff on TV that I think Obama has more of a feel for the challenges that younger people pursuing education can have," Eckert said. "Particularly the debt they face when they come out of college today."

He said Obama seems to want to play up the commitment to education.

"The youth vote is supposed to be so important to this election so obviously he has a lot to lose by not covering this issue," he said.

### Little controversy

McNitt said there isn't a whole lot of controversy in higher education.

"The McCain campaign largely would take the existing system and try and make it work a little bit better," he said. "The Obama campaign makes similar proposals to make the system work better. The Obama campaign does suggest new forms of higher education."

McNitt said though in terms of public statement, Obama has indicated it's very important to ensure competitiveness by improving education.

"I suspect as far as priorities go doing something about higher education is lower on the McCain priority list than on Obama's list, but I don't think for either man it will be at the top of the list," McNitt said.

He said what education policies get done will depend a lot on the decisions the government makes as far as spending goes.

"My perception is that the president, whoever the president is, will deal with very serious economic problems," McNitt said. "We'll have foreign policy problems, and we'll have energy problems. All of which will be first on the agenda."

He said education won't be ignored, but it will come up later.

"I think the argument is going to be over how much money can be spent not whether or not something will be done," McNitt said.

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## NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

## Mercury more dynamic than thought before

WASHINGTON — Earth's first nearly full look at Mercury reveals that the tiny lifeless planet took a far greater role in shaping itself than was thought, with volcanoes spewing "mysterious dark blue material."

New images from NASA's Messenger space probe should answer the question of what caused parts of Mercury to be somewhat smoother than it should be.

"Now, it's looking a lot more interesting," said Maria Zuber, a planetary scientist with MIT who has experiments on the Messenger probe. "It's an awful lot of volcanic material."

New images of filled-in craters show that 3.8 to 4 billion years ago, Mercury was more of a volcanic hotspot than the moon ever was, Zuber said.

Using special cameras, the probe showed what one scientist called "the mysterious dark blue material." It was all over the planet.

That led Arizona State University geologist Mark Robinson to speculate that the mineral is important but still unknown stuff ejected from Mercury's large core in the volcanic eruptions.

## Union: Boeing contract offer to be shown online

SEATTLE — Boeing Co.'s striking Machinists union expects to post a contract offer from the company online Thursday, two days before the union is scheduled to vote on the pact, a union spokeswoman said.

Connie Kelliher, a spokeswoman for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said Wednesday the proposal covering 27,000 commercial airplane workers will be available through the union's Web site by 11 a.m. EDT Thursday.

"Our members want to see all of the actual language, not just a summary," she said.

Boeing and union representatives were proofing the contract last Wednesday and hammering out an agreement that would determine when union members resume work, she said.

Union members are slated to vote on the proposed deal Saturday.

## WORLD | LEADER

## Kim Jong Il hospitalized by setback in stroke recovery

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — New South Korean intelligence indicates that ailing North Korean leader Kim Jong Il suffered a serious setback in his recovery from a stroke and has been hospitalized, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

The report in the Dong-a Ilbo newspaper cited an unnamed government official in saying intelligence obtained Sunday suggested "a serious problem" with Kim's health. The report did not elaborate, and South Korea's National Intelligence Service and Unification Ministry said Wednesday they could not confirm it.

Kim, 66, reportedly suffered a stroke and underwent brain surgery in August. A Japanese TV station says his eldest son went to Paris to recruit a neurosurgeon who was flown back to Asia to treat Kim.

The Dong-a report came a day after Japan's prime minister told lawmakers in Tokyo that Kim probably is in the hospital, though "not unable" to make decisions as North Korea's leader.

The chief of the National Intelligence Service had told lawmakers Tuesday that Kim was "not physically perfect" but still able to rule the country.

North Korea denies Kim is ill. However, speculation about the reclusive leader's health grew when he missed a September military parade marking North Korea's 60th anniversary. He then disappeared from public sight for two months.

Kim, who rules the Stalinist nation with absolute authority, has not publicly named any successors, leading to concerns about an uncertain future in the impoverished, nuclear-armed nation.

North Korea has sought in recent weeks to tamp down rumors about Kim's health with news reports and footage portraying the leader as active and able, attending a soccer game and inspecting a military unit. The reports, photos and video are undated.

The latest footage, aired Monday and Tuesday on North Korean television, showed Kim hitting the road earlier this year to tour farms and factories and to see the sights across the communist North.

The 50-minute montage set to patriotic music showed a sprightly Kim in his trademark jumpsuit and sunglasses — and wearing a winter parka, his hair blowing in the wind, in footage shot in May, months before his reported stroke.

Experts say the photos and footage shown in recent weeks appear to

have been taken several months ago, before Kim's reported stroke.

Japan's Fuji television reported Monday that Kim's eldest son, Kim Jong Nam, flew recently to Paris to recruit a neurosurgeon to treat his father.

Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso told lawmakers Tuesday that the French doctor got on a plane for Beijing, perhaps en route to North Korea.

South Korea's NIS chief Kim Sung-ho also said the son was believed to have traveled to France recently.

French neurosurgeon Francois-Xavier Roux denied Wednesday that he was on a secret mission to North Korea to treat Kim.

Reached by The Associated Press on his cell phone, the physician said he was in Beijing for a meeting of neurosurgeons — "nothing extraordinary."

"If I was at Kim Jong Il's bedside, I wouldn't be answering the phone," Roux said. "I am in Beijing. I am staying in Beijing."

Roux told the AP that his trip to China has no link with Kim.

He blamed the confusion on "a Japanese TV station (that) has done some brainwashing, some manipulation," apparently referring to the Fuji television report.

## NATION | WEATHER

## Thousands in upstate New York still lack power after snowstorm

The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — More snow fell Wednesday in parts of the Northeast as utility crews labored to restore service to thousands of customers blacked out by the region's first big snowstorm of the season.

The wet snow that began falling Tuesday collected on trees still covered with leaves, and its weight combined with gusty wind to send limbs crashing onto power lines.

The National Weather Service reported storm totals of about 14 inches at northern New Jersey's High Point State Park, as much as 15 inches along the northwestern edge of New York's Catskill Mountains, and a foot in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains.

More wind-blown snow swept through northern Vermont on Wednesday. A lake effect snow warning was in effect for northwestern Pennsylvania, with accumulations of up to 12 inches possible at higher elevations, as wind picked up moisture from Lake Erie. Radar showed new snowfall Wednesday in parts of upstate New York.

More than 40,000 customers remained without power Wednesday in upstate New York, most of them in the Mohawk Valley, Adirondacks and the Catskills, according to utilities National Grid and New York State Electric & Gas.

Crews in New Jersey worked to restore power to more than 41,000 customers, mainly in the northern part of the state. Jersey Central Power and Light said service might not be fully until sometime during the night because fallen trees hampered access to severed power lines.

School were closed Wednesday in northern West Virginia's mountainous Tucker County, where 6 inches of snow made roads slippery. Two years ago, the county received 6 inches of snow on Oct. 24.

There was even 1 to 3 inches of snow in the mountains of western North Carolina, where one school system closed Wednesday because of slick roads. The earliest recorded snowfall in the Asheville, N.C., area was less than a half inch on Oct. 1, 1952, the weather service said.

## WORLD BRIEFS

The Associated Press

## Syria hardens stance after deadly US raid

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syria threatened Wednesday to cut off security cooperation along the Iraqi border if there are more American raids on Syrian territory, and the U.S. Embassy announced it would close Thursday because of a mass rally called to protest a deadly weekend commando attack.

Thousands were expected to participate in the government-sanctioned protest.

Though authorities usually keep Syria under tight control and Americans have generally been welcomed, violence against U.S. and European interests at protests has erupted in the past.

"The U.S. Embassy will be closed on Oct. 30th due to past demonstrations which resulted in violence and significant damage to U.S. facilities and other embassies," the embassy said on its Web site.

It also said an American school in the Syrian capital would temporarily shut its doors Thursday and warned U.S. citizens in Syria to be vigilant.

Earlier, the Syrian government demanded that Washington apologize for Sunday's cross-border helicopter strike by American special forces that killed eight people.

U.S. military officials said the raid killed a top al-Qaida in Iraq operative who was about to conduct an attack in Iraq.

## Pakistan quake kills at least 170 people

ZIARAT, Pakistan — A strong earthquake struck before dawn Wednesday in impoverished southwestern Pakistan, killing at least 170 people and turning homes into rubble.

An estimated 15,000 people were left homeless, and rescuers were digging for survivors in a remote valley in Baluchistan, the province bordering Afghanistan where the magnitude 6.3 quake struck.

Officials said they were distributing thousands of tents, blankets and food packages and sending in earth-shaking equipment to dig mass graves.

Many survivors were left with little more than the clothes they had slept in, and temperatures were expected to drop to around freezing in coming nights.

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# » Pratl

FROM PAGE 12

Chappetto said he thought one of the things that swayed Pratl to basketball was the Class 4A state championship the Bulldogs won last year in a 67-63 victory against Zion-Benton High School.

Pratl scored 16 points and had eight rebounds, two blocks and two assists.

"That was such a great experience for him," Chappetto said. "He really started to look at himself as a basketball player."

Chappetto said Pratl does things on the court other bigger players don't do as well.

He said Pratl runs exceptionally well and is a great passer. Pratl is also a scorer.

"He seems to have an uncanny ability to put the ball in the basket from inside," Chappetto said. "He can finish around the basket."

In addition to his basketball skills, Chappetto said Pratl brings toughness to the basketball court. He said this ability stems from Pratl's hard-nosed, blue-collared football family.

Chappetto said Pratl needs to work the most on his perimeter shooting ability, although he said Pratl is close to being an outside shooting threat all ready.

"There's certain guys that you know just can't shoot," Chappetto said. "He's just got to make a little bit of an adjustment. I really believe once he becomes a full-time basketball player he's going to be a guy that can shoot from the perimeter."

Chappetto also said Pratl is an exciting player to watch.

"He's kind of brash," Chappetto said. "He's not afraid to look up in the crowd after a dunk, pound his chest. He's confident but not arro-

## SHAUN PRATL

- **Height:** 6-foot-8
- **Weight:** 210 pounds
- **High School:** Oak Lawn Richards

### Junior Year Statistics

- **Games Played:** 31
- **Field Goals Made:** 160
- **Field Goals Attempted:** 278
- **Field Goal Percentage:** 57.6
- **Free Throws Made:** 90
- **Free Throws Attempted:** 163
- **Free Throw Percentage:** 55.2
- **3-Pointers Made:** 5
- **3-Pointers Attempted:** 25
- **3-Point Percentage:** 20.0
- **Points:** 415 (13.5 ppg)
- **Rebounds:** 142 (4.6 rpg)
- **Assists:** 30 (0.96 apg)

## RICHARDS H.S. FUN FACT

Current Miami Heat guard and 2008 Olympic gold medalist Dwayne Wade is a 2000 graduate of Richards High School. Wade averaged 27 points and 11 rebounds during his senior season for the Bulldogs before playing college basketball at Marquette.

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Chappetto said that confidence is something that has made Pratl a popular student at Richards. Chappetto said Richards draws its student population from four communities, and Pratl could walk into anyone in those cities and have a friend there.

"He's a nice kid," Chappetto said. "He's the kind of guy that's easy to talk to. Everybody loves this kid here."

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# » Soccer

FROM PAGE 12

"We decided before the game (to play both of them)," Nowak said. "They've both been playing well and are a big reason why our season is continuing after this game so we wanted to give them both minutes so they could stay sharp."

Lorbert allowed the two goals and had five saves in the first half while Williams stopped four shots and allowed one goal, Carlson's game-

winner in the 83rd minute.

"(Lorbert and Williams) both played well and made some key saves for us," Nowak said. "They both did a good job of keeping us in the game. They showed they are capable of carrying us far into the post-season."

The Panthers played without senior defender Ashley Slota and junior midfielder Laura Ridolfi who were injured in Sunday's win over Southeast Missouri. Slota had her consecutive starts streak snapped at 49 matches.

Nowak said both are close to being ready to go and hopes to have them ready for next Tuesday's play-off match.

The Panthers will travel to Morehead, Ky., on Nov. 4 for their opening round playoff match against Morehead State.

The match is scheduled to kickoff at 6 p.m. and the winner will take on top-seeded Murray State on Nov. 7 at 10 a.m.

Collin Whitchurch can be reached at 581-7944 or at [cwhitchurch@eiu.edu](mailto:cwhitchurch@eiu.edu).

## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | BY STEPHAN PASTIS



## GET FUZZY | BY DARBY CONLEY



# » Whitchurch

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The last time they made it to the OVC Championship was in 2005, head coach Tim Nowak's first year as coach, when they fell to Samford 1-0 in the finals. The last time they won an OVC Title was in 2004.

Momentum can play a huge factor in a team's late-season success. After Wednesday's 3-2 loss at Illinois State, the Panthers are still 3-1-1 in their last five matches and have scored two goals apiece in each of

their last two matches. That is something the team did not do even once in its first 16 matches this year as goals were hard to come by.

So next week should be an interesting trip for the Panthers. They beat Morehead State in the team's only regular season meeting, but it was in Charleston. A trip to Morehead should make for a different atmosphere and, as it has been proven, anything can happen.

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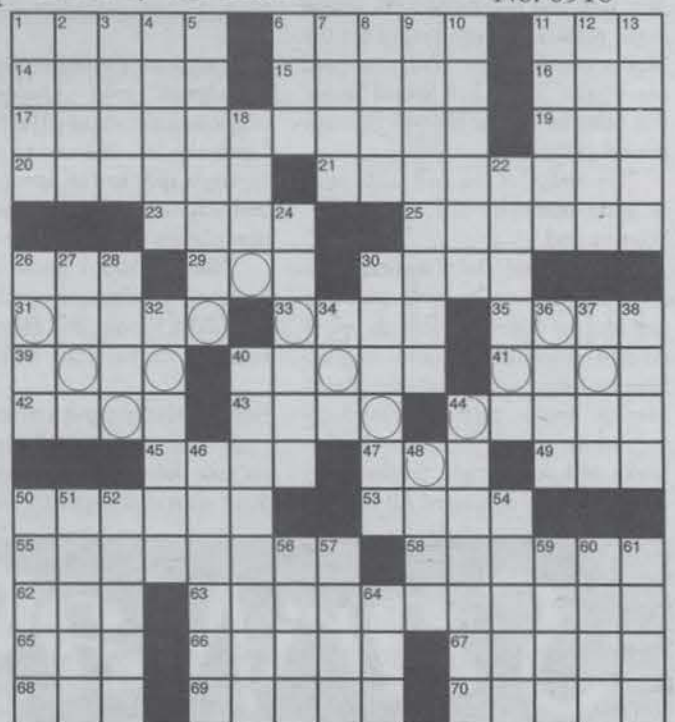
- ACROSS
- Eric's "Will & Grace" co-star
  - Language from which "divan" is derived
  - Dunderhead
  - Thin as \_\_\_\_
  - Strand, somehow
  - Nickname for #6 on the Sixers
  - [See circles]
  - D.D.E.'s W.W. II command
  - Well-dressed, photogenic male
  - [See circles]
  - Delays set them back: Abbr.
  - "No horsing around!"
  - Negligent
  - A.B.A. member's title
  - Burger order
  - "How Do \_\_\_\_" (1997 LeAnn Rimes hit)
  - One pointing and clicking
  - Oenophile's interest
  - 80, for Hg
  - Northern Europeans
  - Start time for many a military mission
  - Colonel's div.
  - Check box option on a Spanish survey?
  - "Dream Lover" singer, 1959
  - CNBC news topics, for short
  - Business with a register
  - Paris's Basilique \_\_\_\_-Clotilde
  - Language that treats "dz" as a single consonant
  - Use a cell phone outside one's calling area
  - [See circles]
  - Recess
  - Dick
  - [See circles]
  - Egypt's \_\_\_\_ Simbel historical site
  - Defensive retort
  - Scottish child
  - Seedy sort?
  - Majority of a crowd at a Jonas Brothers concert
  - "I'm outta here!"

### DOWN

- Family pet in "Hi and Lois"
- Former "ER" co-star La Salle

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

MALES VID LIMBO  
IWILL ASE OLDEN  
MOVIE GOA VIVRE  
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ANWAR ROW WAN  
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LANAI CUE SIREN  
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PUZZLE BY MIKE NOTHNAGEL

- Having one's heart set (on)
- Change colors?
- Oliver Twist, for one
- Hi-\_\_\_\_
- Result of overstrain
- Concrete
- Court huddles
- Taken-aback response
- Start of many dedications
- \_\_\_\_-Detoo
- Finger of the ocean
- Forms a union
- Program
- Occupies an abandoned building
- Either of two guests on "To Tell the Truth"
- Der \_\_\_\_ (Konrad Adenauer)
- Deer \_\_\_\_
- Garage job
- Like some candles
- When flowers bloom: Abbr.
- Crew members
- "M\*A\*S\*H" co-star
- Feminizing suffix
- Attention-getting cry
- Test sites
- Handles roughly
- Linguist Chomsky
- Relatively cool red giant
- Remain inactive
- How actors should appear
- Jazz's Carmen
- Drop paper in a box, maybe
- Coll. major
- Tex's neighbor
- Especially
- It's about 2 1/2 times as high as Vesuvius
- W.B.A. finales

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## BASEBALL | SPOTLIGHT

# Fall series turns into slugfest

**White team scores 37 runs in three-game sweep of Blue team**

By **SCOTT RICHEY**  
Sports Editor

Brett Nommensen was at the forefront of the White team's offensive barrage in Eastern's Fall World Series. The senior center fielder batted .667 with two doubles, two home runs and seven RBIs to lead the White team to a three-game sweep of the Blue team.

Nommensen also drew three walks, was hit by two pitches and had two singles to go with his four other hits en route to a 1.556 slugging percentage. He also did not strike out in the three-game series.

Freshman second baseman Brad Schweigert, senior third baseman Zach Skidmore and junior left fielder Curt Restko all hit .500 for the White team and combined for 17 hits, nine RBIs and 14 runs scored.

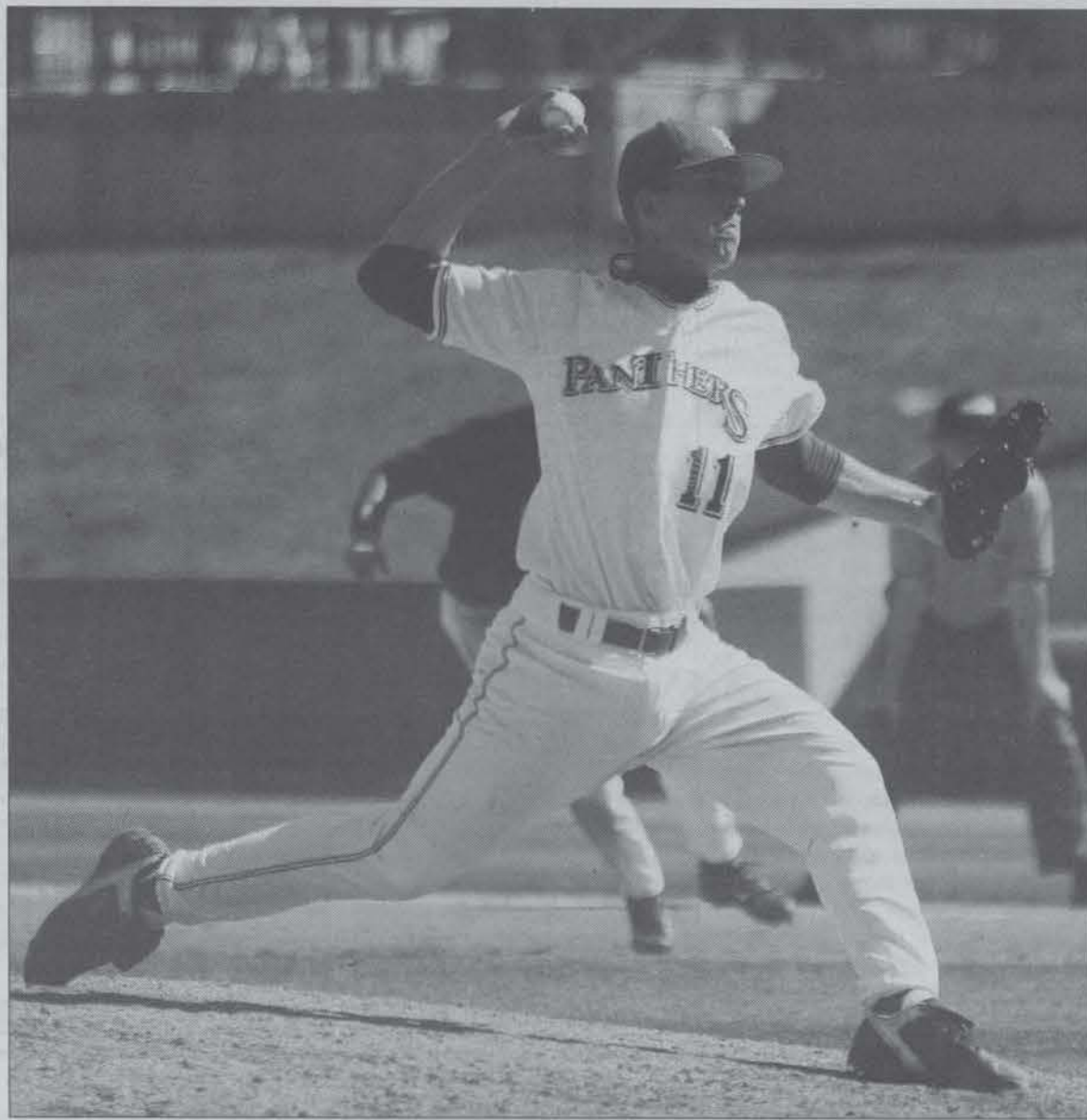
"Guys looked like they had a really good plan in hitting," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "It looked like a veteran group of hitters. When they got a good pitch, they hit it."

Schmitz said Nommensen showed more consistent power in the fall series. Nommensen was tied for second on the team with home runs last season with five. He also had four triples and 18 doubles while leading the team with a .402 batting average.

Schmitz said junior first baseman Alex Gee also had a good fall season at the plate. Gee, who played for the Blue team, had one home run and one double in the Fall World Series. But Schmitz said he hit well through the fall practices.

"He really hit the ball with pretty good authority the whole fall," Schmitz said.

Schmitz said the Panthers' success this fall was a direct result of the success different Eastern players had in summer baseball leagues. Nommensen, senior pitcher Brian Morrell, junior pitcher Tyler Kehrer, senior third baseman Jordan Kreke and senior right fielder Ryan Lindquist were all named All-Stars in



Junior pitcher Richie Derbak throws a pitch at the NCAA regional championship on May 31 in Lincoln, Neb. Derbak will be utilized more as a pitcher than a catcher for the 2009 season.

their respective summer leagues.

Schmitz said Lindquist also impressed him during the fall season. Lindquist hit .264 out of the eighth or ninth spot in the lineup last year, and Schmitz said he brought in some new players to compete for that spot.

"We just didn't know if he was going to produce or not," Schmitz said about Lindquist. "He came back swinging the bat really well."

#### Relief pitching a concern

Schmitz said when Eastern's starters take the mound he knows he has three players that can throw 90 mph

and get through opposing teams' lineups. He said Kehrer and sophomore pitchers Josh Mueller and Mike Recchia threw the ball well during the fall season.

Kehrer had eight strikeouts and gave up just one earned run in four innings pitched. He also allowed just three hits in 16 batters faced.

"Tyler Kehrer is going to be our No. 1 lefty," Nommensen said.

Nommensen said Mueller and Recchia should pitch better this coming season than they did last season because they have the year of experience.

#### BASEBALL NOTE

Both Sophomore pitcher Mike Hoekstra and sophomore catcher Bart Thyer were arrested for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and resisting/obstructing a peace officer in two separate incidents.

Eastern head baseball coach Jim Schmitz said he could not comment directly on the incidents based on an athletic department policy.

"It's obviously unfortunate," Schmitz said. "For the years that I've been here, we've had a lot of guys do good things."

pitcher Mike Martin was one of the better relievers during the fall season. Martin was a walk-on last year and did not play.

"Mike Martin just really wanted the ball," Schmitz said. "He's like a (former Eastern pitcher Tyler Brandon). He'll touch 88 (mph) a lot."

Schmitz said junior Richie Derbak would play as a designated hitter for the Panthers this coming season in addition to pitching more. Derbak was the Panthers' starting catcher last year after playing as a second baseman and a pitcher his freshman year.

"I think Richie is a 50-70 inning guy this year," Schmitz said. "That's an arm we didn't use after he was a freshman All-American. We just wanted to get a little depth. Last year that's what contributed to our success."

#### More than enough players

Eastern currently has 36 players on its roster. Schmitz said he only has to trim one player from the roster before next season starts.

Schmitz said he plans on keeping the roster at a bigger number. He said this gives the coaching staff a chance to work with younger players for a year and develop them for the future.

"Except for (equipment room attendant) Steve Calhoun complaining about washing all the uniforms we're doing OK," Schmitz joked.

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## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY | SPOTLIGHT

# Eastern has youth movement

Five of eight spots on conference team will be freshmen

By **BRANDY PROVAZNIK**  
Staff Reporter

In Tuesday's team meeting junior captain Erin O'Grady addressed the freshmen on the team directly and told them to forget the fact that they may be young or new to the team.

"They aren't new to racing and they aren't inexperienced," O'Grady said. "If they were they wouldn't be here. Everyone here on our collegiate Division I level team is obviously talented and has something to contribute."

O'Grady said it is great to have so many freshmen on the team that are doing well right away, and the Panthers just need to keep building on that and keep the nerves to a minimum.

"I don't know what it is really but a lot of the girls were so nervous, particularly at the beginning of the season," head coach Geoff Masanet said. "The anxiousness has started to calm down in the last few meets as the girls become more aware of their abilities and more confident in what they are capable of."

Masanet said after the alumni met early this season he had to sit the women down and tell them that being so nervous wasn't going to get them anywhere, and that they needed to focus on how prepared they were rather than all the uncertainties that give them that anxiety.

Masanet said it is human nature to be a little nervous and that it is just the runner's job to work through that nervousness.

"Nicole Flounders, one of our best runners on the women's side in the last few years, was almost



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Sophomore Caitlin Napoleoni, freshman Claire Dau, freshman Erika Foltys, red-shirt freshman Megan Gingerich, freshman Rachel Blisset, freshman Brittany Arthur, freshman Jenna Wise and freshman Christine Saenz are all part of Eastern's women's cross country team's youth movement. Ten of the Panthers' 14 runners are underclassmen, and five of the freshmen will race at the Ohio Valley Conference Championships on Saturday in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

always a wreck before meets, but she still got the job done and worked through it," Masanet said.

Many of the freshmen this season have become key contributors to the team right away, taking up five of the eight conference spots on the roster for this weekend.

O'Grady said she is especially proud of freshman Brittany Arthur, who did not run cross country in high school, and has consistently been the Panthers' No. 2 runner for the majority of the season.

Arthur said running at the college level has been a big adjustment

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— **Geoff Masanet, Eastern head cross country coach**

for her and her teammates.

"A lot of us, myself included for sure, get really nervous, but we are doing a good job of running through that and just doing the best

we can," Arthur said. "Erin tries to keep reminding us that it is just a race and all we can do is our best."

Masanet said while this weekend coming up is the Ohio Valley Con-

ference Championships he does not want the women, or the men either for that matter, to put so much focus on the race. He said he doesn't want them to feel pressured and get and get all worked up about it.

"It is just another meet," Masanet said. "I know they are prepared, and they know, or at least should know, they are prepared. They just need to come out racing hard, controlled and confident just like any other meet, and the times should follow."

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MLB | PHILADELPHIA 4, TAMPA BAY 3

## Phillies beat Rays to end 28-year World Series drought

Lidge remains perfect with save in deciding game of series

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — From losingest team to longest game, the Philadelphia Phillies are World Series champions.

Strange as that sounds,

Strange as it was.

Brad Lidge and the Phillies finished off the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 in a three-inning sprint Wednesday night to win a suspended Game 5 nearly 50 hours after it started.

Left in limbo by a two-day rainstorm, the Phillies seasawed to their first championship since 1980.

Pedro Feliz singled home the go-ahead run in the seventh and Lidge closed out his perfect season with

41 straight saves without a blown save to deliver the title Philadelphia craved for so long.

"It's over," Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins said. "It's over, man."

Bundled in parkas and blankets, fans returned in force to Citizens Bank Park and saw the city claim its first major sports championship in 25 years.

It was among the most bizarre endings in baseball history, a best-

of-seven series turned into a best-of-3½ showdown when play resumed in the bottom of the sixth inning tied at 2.

In all, there were six new pitchers, three pinch-hitters and two pinch-runners when play restarted.

Manager Charlie Manuel, whose NL East champions clinched a play-off spot in the final week, guided the Phillies' second overall championship in six World Series tries.

How much did Philadelphia fans want a champion to call its own?

Well, the sports hero they point to with the most pride wasn't even a real person — Rocky Balboa.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER | ILLINOIS STATE 3, EASTERN 2

# Comeback attempt falls short



Sophomore defender Danielle Flynn kicks the ball downfield during the Panthers' match against Southeast Missouri on Sunday at Lakeside Field.

## Redbirds score late goal to pick up non-conference victory

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's soccer team came back from an early two-goal deficit, but a late score by Illinois State freshman forward Jess Carlson proved to be enough for the Redbirds as they dropped the Panthers 3-2 in Eastern's regular season finale. Sophomore goalkeeper Kaylin

Lorbert shutout streak ended at 348 minutes when freshman midfielder Natalie McCabe got the Redbirds on the board in the 11th minute. Illinois State added a second goal in the 28th minute when sophomore forward Alyssa Shulz got a second shot past Lorbert.

"We just weren't as sharp as we needed to be to start the game," said Nowak after the loss. "We competed a lot better after the first 30 minutes."

The Panthers were able to tie the score at 2-2 before the first half ended. Senior defender Lindsey Wilken-

ing, who played as a forward in the game instead of on the back line, scored her first career goal in the 41st minute off a pass from freshman midfielder Ashley Eck. Three minutes later Wilkening assisted on sophomore forward Kaitlin Sullivan's second career goal in the 44th minute.

"The two goals we scored were very nice," Nowak said. "They were two good finishes and gave us some momentum going into the second half."

Wilkening said she was happy to get her first career goal but disap-

pointed that the team wasn't able to come up with the victory.

"It felt really good," said Wilkening about her score. "I was really excited and it was a goal that we needed, but unfortunately it didn't come out our way in the end."

After allowing two first half goals, Nowak brought in junior goalkeeper Jenny Williams for the second half. Nowak said that the reason for playing both goalkeepers was in order to get them both some action before next week's playoffs.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | SPOTLIGHT

# Top 20 prospect from Illinois commits to Eastern

## Panthers solidify inside presence with state champion forward

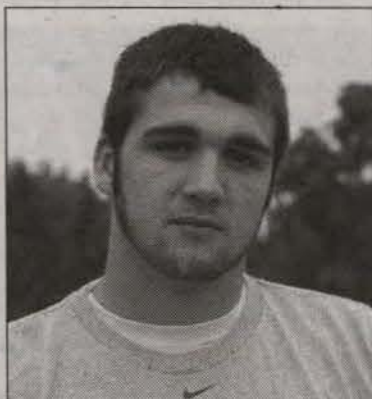
By SCOTT RICHEY  
Sports Editor

Shaun Pratl received scholarship offers in May from Illinois State and Indiana State to play college football.

The 6-foot-8, 210 pound tight end/wide receiver from Oak Lawn Richards High School was named a South Suburban All-Conference selection as a junior and was an honorable mention All-State selection.

He also received some interest from several football programs including Colorado, Penn State, Michigan State and Illinois.

But Pratl won't be playing college football next fall. Instead, he will be on the hardwood at Lantz Arena, as he verbally committed Tuesday



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Oak Lawn Richards High School senior Shaun Pratl verbally committed to play basketball at Eastern on Tuesday.

to play basketball at Eastern for the 2009-10 season.

Richards head coach John Chappetto said a number of factors led Pratl to selecting Eastern instead of Boston or Saint Louis.

"I think when he went down to

Eastern one of the funniest things that happened right away was he was walking and ran into five to six guys that knew him," Chappetto said.

Chappetto said Pratl also made a good connection with the current Eastern players.

He said Eastern's youth was one of the contributing factors to Pratl connecting with them. The Panthers have four freshmen and two sophomores on their roster.

"He liked the fact that they're all young," Chappetto said. "He knows that these are guys that he's going to be with for quite some time."

But the person who sealed the deal might have been Eastern assistant coach Chad Altadonna.

Chappetto said Altadonna attended Pratl's football game on Friday against Argo High School, sat in the rain and endured a lightning delay.

"The coaching staff has been just great to him," Chappetto said. "That's something Shaun really looks

to. He and I have had a relationship since fourth grade basketball camp."

Chappetto said Pratl's decision to play basketball in college instead of football was shocking. He said Pratl comes from a football family - his father Ron was a linebacker at Michigan.

"Any other time at Richards where we had a basketball (and) football player that could have gone basketball (or) football in college, they've always gone football," Chappetto said. "Here's a guy from the first family in Richards' football that chose basketball."

Pratl decided in mid-September he wanted to play collegiate basketball.

He received scholarship offers from Eastern, Boston and Saint Louis. Missouri State, Murray State and Wright State also showed some interest in Pratl as a basketball player.

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## NATIONAL SPORTS

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COLLIN WHITCHURCH

## Panthers prove anything is possible

It may not be likely, but as the saying goes, anything is possible.

The Panthers enter next week's Ohio Valley Conference Tournament on a roll. But as the tournament's fifth seed, they have to overcome several top teams to achieve their unlikely goal.

Eight of the nine years that OVC women's soccer has been around either the one or two seed has won the OVC tournament. The lone exception was in 2006 when four-seed Southeast Missouri took the crown.

That bodes well for Eastern Kentucky and Murray State, who await the winners of the two quarterfinal matches next Friday. The likely scenario would see one of those two teams end next weekend as OVC champions.

But this season has been anything but normal.

In the preseason coaches' poll on Aug. 11, Southeast Missouri was voted as a favorite to win the OVC title. The Redhawks finished the season 1-5-2 and in last place in the conference.

Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State were predicted to finish fifth and sixth in the OVC, respectively. They will enter the conference tournament as the two and four seeds, respectively.

So the possibility of the Panthers making it to the OVC Championship, or possibly winning it, are still unlikely, but possible.

After all, the Panthers are pretty familiar with situations such as these. They have made it to at least the semifinals of the OVC Tournament every year since 1999 and have won the tournament five times in that span.

Last season as a six-seed the Panthers upset third-seeded Murray State 2-1 in overtime before falling to Samford, who is no longer in the league, 1-0 in the semifinals.

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## EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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